

**In the Claims:**

Listing of all claims:

1-19 (Canceled.)

1                   20. (Currently Amended) A device for the  
2 production of tubular bags filled with bulk goods from a  
3 continuous foil tube moving in a run direction comprising:

4                   at least a pair of tool mounts that follow an  
5 orbital movement, wherein the tool mounts have a near end  
6 and a distal end, and wherein the near end is linked to a  
7 device that imparts the orbital movement to the tool mounts;

8                   a first pair of opposing tools, each mounted on  
9 one of the pair of tool mounts, that cyclically engage the  
10 tube and seal the foil tube in bag-length intervals during a  
11 portion of the orbital movement;

12                  a second pair of opposing tools, each mounted on  
13 one of the pair of tool mounts, that remove bulk goods from  
14 the area of the seal by a wiping motion effective in the run  
15 direction, linked to follow a path responsive to the orbital  
16 path; and

17                  a pair of opposing passive devices, each mounted  
18 near the distal end of each tool mount effective during at  
19 least part of the portion of the orbital movement, wherein  
20 the passive device affects the path of a selected pair of  
21 the first and second pairs of tools mounted on a the carrier  
22 such that the distal end of the selected pair follows a path  
23 parallel to a path the near end of the selected pair  
24 follows, wherein the pair of passive devices includes a  
25 tracer pin.

1           21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim  
2 20, wherein the pair of passive devices is effective during at  
3 least all of the portion of the orbital movement.

1           22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim  
2 20, wherein the pair of passive devices is effective during at  
3 least the time the tube is engaged.

1           23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 20,  
2 wherein the pair of passive devices is linked to the second pair  
3 of opposing tools.

24. (Cancelled)

1           25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 20,  
2 further comprising a second pair of opposing passive devices,  
3 each mounted near the near end of each ~~tool~~ carrier, effective  
4 during at least part of the portion of the orbital movement,  
5 wherein the second pair of passive devices affects the path of  
6 the second pair of tools mounted on the carrier.

1           26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim  
2 20, further comprising a second pair of tool mounts, each having  
3 tools mounted thereon as did the first pair of tool mounts.

27. (Withdrawn) A method of producing tubular  
bags filled with bulk goods from a continuous foil tube  
moving in a run direction comprising:

moving a pair of tool mounts in an orbital  
movement, wherein the tool mounts have a near end and a  
distal end;

moving a first pair of opposing tools, each  
mounted on one of the pair of tool mounts, cyclically to

engage the tube and seal the foil tube in bag-length intervals during a portion of the orbital movement;

moving a second pair of opposing tools, each mounted on one of the pair of tool mounts, and removing bulk goods from the area of the seal by a wiping motion effective in the run direction, and following a path responsive to the orbital path; and

using a pair of opposing passive devices, each mounted near the distal end of each tool carrier, during at least part of the portion of the orbital movement, to affect the path of a selected pair of the first and second pairs of tools such that the distal end of the selected pair follows a path parallel to a path the near end of the selected pair follows.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein using is performed during at least all of the portion of the orbital movement.

29. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein using is performed during at least the time the tube is engaged.

30. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising linking the pair of passive devices is linked to the second pair of tools.